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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PET SHOPS AND CONSUMER
REIMBURSEMENT FOR CERTAIN VETERINARY EXPENSES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 26-55 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2012*):

6 (a) [Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, no] No
7 person shall import or introduce into the state, or possess or liberate
8 therein, any live fish, wild bird, wild mammal, reptile, amphibian or
9 invertebrate unless such person has obtained a permit therefor from
10 the commissioner. Such permit may be issued at the discretion of the
11 commissioner under such regulations as the commissioner may
12 prescribe. The commissioner shall by regulation prescribe the numbers
13 of live fish, wild birds, wild mammals, reptiles, amphibians or
14 invertebrates of certain species which may be imported, possessed,
15 introduced into the state or liberated therein. The commissioner may

16 by regulation exempt certain species or groups of live fish from the
17 permit requirements. The commissioner shall by regulation determine
18 which species of wild birds, wild mammals, reptiles, amphibians or
19 invertebrates must meet permit requirements. The commissioner may
20 totally prohibit the importation, possession, introduction into the state
21 or liberation therein of certain species which the commissioner has
22 determined may be a potential threat to humans, agricultural crops or
23 established species of plants, fish, birds, mammals, reptiles,
24 amphibians or invertebrates. The commissioner shall by regulation
25 exempt from permit requirements organizations or institutions such as
26 municipal parks, zoos, laboratories and research facilities maintained
27 by scientific or educational institutions, museums, public nonprofit
28 aquaria or nature centers where live fish, wild birds, wild mammals,
29 reptiles, amphibians or invertebrates are held in strict confinement.
30 Nothing in this section shall authorize the commissioner to regulate
31 ferrets (*Mustela putorius furo*) differently from domesticated dogs and
32 cats."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	October 1, 2012	26-55(a)
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